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NGA Inducts Four into Hall of Fame Nominees

SPRINGFIELD, Va., May 13, 2013 — National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency inducted four leaders into its Hall of Fame in a ceremony this afternoon at the agency's headquarters in Springfield, Va.

Retired U.S. Army Col. Peter O'Neill, Melvin L. Wagner, Curtis B. Ward, and the late Thomas A. Hennig were added to the Hall of Fame by NGA Director Letitia A. Long. She said, "I am pleased to welcome these men to the NGA Hall of Fame. Their leadership, innovation, and devotion to the agency have advanced the strengths of NGA and the security of our nation."

The Panel considered nominees based on their demonstration of one or more of the following:

- Significant accomplishment in one of the heritage organizations.
- Accomplishment that transformed NGA operations.
- Legacy of leadership that exemplifies the NGA tradition and core values.
- Significant accomplishment providing geospatial intelligence that enables the U.S. to resolve a national security crisis.
- Technological or analytical creation that improves geospatial intelligence throughout the U.S. government.
- Significant sacrifice involving serious injury or death in the accomplishment of the NGA mission in support of national security.
- Significant support from an individual representing a private corporation, another U.S. government agency or foreign government that transforms the NGA mission.

Al Anderson, chairman of NGA Alumni Association (NGAA) at the time of nomination last year, said, "We congratulate the inductees into this prestigious Hall of Fame. They are true pioneers in their tradecrafts and have contributed much to their agency and the nation. NGA is also to be commended for honoring these outstanding individuals on their accomplishments."

Portraits of the inductees join the Hall of Fame gallery in NGA's atrium.

O'Neill served as director of several production centers, was instrumental in the implementation of the Defense Mapping Agency's transition from hard to softcopy, and was cited as being highly focused on his personnel and the warfighter. He was raised in Philadelphia and now resides in Chantilly, Va.

Wagner was recognized for his outstanding vision, leadership, and contributions to the success of NGA in a geospatial intelligence career that spanned 37 years with NGA and its predecessor organizations, and an additional 10 years as a contractor. He was nominated due to his tireless dedication to the tradecraft of GEOINT. He is a long-time Maryland resident who now lives in Dunkirk.

Ward was selected for his leadership role in two major agency reconstruction task forces and his services as civilian lead at the Dayton Peace Accord negotiations in 1995. He grew up in Billings, Mont. and now resides in Grantham, N.H.

Hennig, formerly of Alexandria, Va, was named due to contributions that changed the business of GEOINT, particularly moving the tradecraft from analog to digital. He also led the effort to map 80 percent of the earth's surface in collaboration with NASA.

Kathleen M. Smith, President of the NGAA East Chapter, said "These gentlemen exemplify NGA's outstanding traditions of dedication to public service and leadership in GEOINT technical innovation."

About NGA

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) delivers world-class geospatial intelligence that provides a decisive advantage to policymakers, warfighters, intelligence professionals and first responders. Both an intelligence agency and combat support agency, NGA enables the U.S. intelligence community and the Department of Defense (DOD) to fulfill the president's national security priorities. NGA also is the lead federal agency for GEOINT and manages a global consortium of more than 400 commercial and government relationships. NGA is headquartered in Springfield, Va. and has two major locations in St. Louis and Arnold, Mo. Hundreds of NGA employees serve on support teams at U.S. military, diplomatic and allied locations around the world. For more information about NGA, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NatlGEOINTAgency or on Twitter at https://twitter.com/nga_GEOINT.

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